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difficulty," which would have "fatal effects," are equally characteristic. Notable, too, is the hint as to the paper in question not being likely "to be met" or "taken up"—for he throws out that it is "an act of obligation conferred on me," as well as the more significant hint that their "interests are bound up with those of my son." This seems to have had its effect, for we find the minutely calculated interest on the bill—"five shillings"—altered in another hand and in a different ink to "35 4d."

A pleasant touch is the iteration of the point of "inconvenience to themselves," as though this were the only objection that could reasonably be presented by the firm, who would otherwise, he assumed, be eager to honor his paper. The displayed flourish at the close—"signal obligation conferred on gentlemen, your obliged," etc.—was a favorite form of Mr. Micawber's. The letter is indorsed on the back, "John Dickens, Esq., in the writer's own hand, which seems mysterious—it looks as though it had been returned to him."

Fond as we are of Dickens' curios, I doubt if there could be found any more quaintly attractive than this letter of Micawber-Dickens. As it hangs framed it seems to have a sort of vitality, to have flesh and blood. We hear the rolling accents and flourishes, the appeals and explanations of Traddles and Copperfield. "That bill, sir, will not be met," has a new significance—Percy Fitzgerald in London Illustrated News.

IN ROYAL STATE.

Maggie Bryan Sits Enthroned as Maharajane of Puttecala.

The maharajah of Puttecala, who has an annual income of \$1,000,000 and wears a necklace which cost that amount, has married Maggie Bryan, and all British India is scandalized. The fact that Maggie is the sister of J. Bryan, the manager of the maharajah's stables, a sort of head hostler, might be gotten over. The fact that she, a Catholic Irish girl, consented to adopt Mohammedanism to get a prince is much worse. But worst of all is the alleged fact that she is smart enough to rule the simple-minded maharajah, and so there may be "complications."

Puttecala is a "feudatory state"—that is, it is ruled by its native prince, who does just as he pleases so long as he does nothing adverse to British interests. He lives in a barbarously magnificent style, mixing European and oriental things and customs in a way even more laughable than anything in "Wang" and "The Mikado." In his palace the masterpieces of French artists are mixed up with flaring red and yellow chromos worth from ten to twenty-five cents each, and birdcages dear at fifty cents.

A picture of Napoleon cut from an illustrated paper and pasted on cardboard is gorgeously framed, while on one side of it is a cheap clock that goes not and on the other a flashy lithograph advertising mineral water. His English guests have some difficulty in keeping their faces straight, but he entertains them royally. He has 480 fine horses for hunting, polo and the like, and a few magnificent elephants which blaze with hangings of silk and gold and scarlet when his guests use them.

His army contains 5000 men, and his court is simply too gorgeous to last. As he is maharajah, his wife is maharajane, but he already had a native wife who was merely rance (that is, princess, not queen), and the Miss Bryan that was to take the first place. He was so very much in love with her that he solemnly vowed to give up his privileges as a sikh and a Mohammedan and love her and her only. But in India it sometimes happens that married men do not keep promises made in days of courtship. The Viceroy of India says the whole thing is a "blasted shame," and the government will have the maharajah removed and another of his race placed on the "gudden." So the time is possibly at hand when he will wear his \$1,000,000 state necklace no more, and Maggie Bryan may not, after all, be a maharajane, poor girl!

Roscoe Conkling's Generosity.

Colonel Robert J. Ingersoll sat in the surrogate's office the other day. Mopping his high forehead, he said: "I never enter this room without having my thoughts recur to Roscoe Conkling and his tactful manners. It was during the time the Hoyt will was being contested. I had occasion to pay frequent visits to this place and was somewhat annoyed by a poor fellow who used to stand out in the corridor and lay for me each morning to ask for a small loan. He was one of that vast class who exist in the flickering light of former affluence. On one particular day I was not in the happiest of moods, so when my impetuous customer 'bored' me for another loan I said to him: 'What! Here again? What did you do with that \$2 I gave you yesterday? Gone already?' 'The fellow mumbled some apologetic reply, to which I said: 'I'm getting tired of you making a steady target of me. Why don't you give some other man a chance?' 'Conkling came along and seemed to take in the situation at a glance, for he said, with his most encouraging smile—it was soft and sweet as a gentleman's: 'It's my chance to-day, colonel, and diving down into his waistcoat pocket, he fished out a crisp bill. As my bewildered pensioner took it and shuffled off, Conkling said gayly: 'Now remember, colonel, its your chance to-morrow.' 'Do you know, he made me feel downright small. Conkling was a great and good man,' added the eloquent lawyer musingly.—New York Herald.

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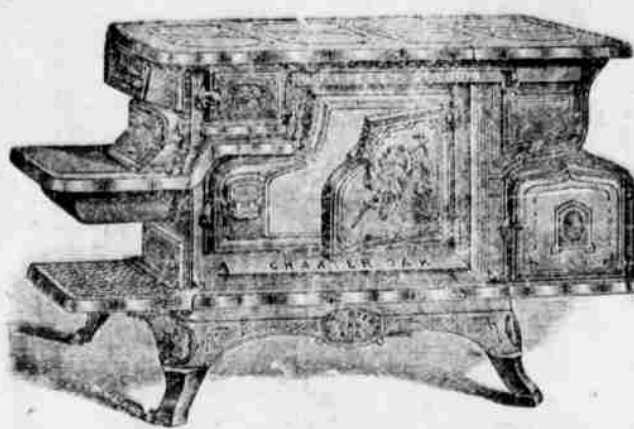
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